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SUPERVISOR RUSSELL STAMPER II SAYS SAFETY IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS MUST BE A PRIORITY **Supervisor Says Local Law Enforcement Ready for Summer Season**

Milwaukee County Supervisor Russell Stamper II said today that with the coming summer, safety in Milwaukee County parks should be a top priority for law enforcement.

“I recently met with the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s office to discuss parks safety initiatives for this summer, and it is clear to me that they are ready to prevent criminal activity in the parks,” Stamper said. “The Targeted Enforcement Unit (TEU) is a specialized patrol unit that maintains public safety in the parks, and this summer, Milwaukee County residents will see the increased presence of parks patrols such as the TEU.”

Stamper said that in an effort to effectively meet the needs of the public, the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office has divided Milwaukee County into seven Park Patrol Zones, with deputy sheriffs from the TEU assigned to each Patrol Zone.

Deputy Steven Geason (659-4501) and Deputy Brad Lessila (217-6668) are assigned to Washington Park, which is Patrol Zone 5 in Supervisory District 5. The Sheriff’s office and Supervisor Stamper encourage citizens who are experiencing ongoing problems related to criminal activity to contact Patrol Zone officers directly with concerns. Calls may also be anonymous.

In addition, the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office, in collaboration with the city of Milwaukee Police Department, has introduced the ShotSpotter program, a high-tech way for police to immediately locate the sound of gunfire. This program has already helped to intercept and arrest violent criminals, according to Police Chief Ed Flynn.

“I am confident in the efforts the Sheriff’s Office has made in regards to Parks safety and I look forward to a safe and enjoyable summer,” Stamper said.

Stamper, who often visits Washington Park with his wife and son, encouraged the community to come out and participate in the engaging activities that Washington Park has to offer this summer. He does, however, want the community to always be mindful of their surroundings and keep an eye on children at all times. Stamper added that barriers have been added to the playground as a safety precaution from oncoming traffic.

“This can be a great summer if we all work together to keep our parks safe for families and children,” Stamper said. “I am confident that law enforcement officials are ready, and I am sure that our residents are ready as well.”

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